STD/ISD/PCO in NE Region

3256. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD/Public Telephone Booths function at present in the North-Eastern Region as on 31st March, 1999;

(b) the number of applications which are still pending for allotment of such new booths in the region, District-wise; and

(c) what is the position of consideration of these applications stating details district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, 5592 STD/ISD/Public Telephone Booths were function in the North-Eastern region as on 31st March, 1999.

(b) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) All the applications are to be cleared progressively subject to technical feasibility and the applicants fulfilling the eligibility conditions.

Number of Application pending for Allotment of PCOs

Name of the State	Name of the Distts.		Nos. of application pending	
Assam	Kamrup	200	Dibrugarh	Nil
	Tinsukia	Nil	Cachar	Nil
	Karimganj	Nil	Hailakandi	Nil
	N.C. Hills	Nil	Darrang	Nil
	Sonitpur	Nil	North Lakhimpur	Nil
	Dhemaji	Nil	Jorhat	50
	Golahat	18	Sibsagar	32
	Bongaigaon	114	Barpeta	285
	Nalbari	29	Goalpara	46
	Dhubri	153	Kokrajhar	16
	Nagaon	2	Morigaon	7
	Kasrbi Anglong	1		
Arunachal Pradesh				
	Tirap	22	Lohit	30

Name of the State	Name of the Distts.		Nos. of application pending	
	Dibang Valley	11	East Siang	Nil
	West Siang	15	Upper Siang	Nil
	Lower Subansiri	27	Upper Subansiri	Nil
	East Kameng	Nil	West Kameng	28
	Changlang	Nil	Tawang	28
	Papumpara	37		
Manipur				
	Bishenpur	18	Churachandpur	16
	Chandel	22	Imphal (East & West)	390
	Senapati	22		
	Thoubal	18	Tamenglong	21
	Ukhrul	18		
Meghalaya				
	East Khasi Hills	4	West Khasi Hills	Nill
	East Garo Hills	1	West Garo Hills	10
	South Garo Hills	Nil	Ri-Bhoi	4
	Jaintia Hills	35		
Mizoram				
	Aizwal	Nil	Mamit	Nill
	Kolasib	Nil	Champoi	Nil
	Serchip	Nil	Lunglei	Nil
	Saiha	Nil	Langtlai	Nil
Nagaland				
	Dimapur	25	Kohima	7
	Mokokchung	2	Chumkedima	4
	Zunheboto	1	Tuensang	1
Tripura				
	South Tripura	199	West Tripura	182
	Dhalai	96	North Tripura	206

Opening of Post Offices in NER

3257. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Gram Panchayats of the country particularly in NER have demanded to open post offices;